

need of boards to  
construct improve  
ment on the property  
under main things  
directions.

The mango  
but soon he got in  
St. Catherine St. &  
will be easy to  
settled is saying  
B. C. to herself  
the rest of them  
proprietor  
Shoemaker

Meritor  
Law  
June 29th  
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another day, has brought  
me another letter from  
you, as loving & good, as the  
most exacting wife I wish  
& the written words you  
send, are the greatest comfort  
to me, I am so sorry you  
have not been sleeping well  
I fancy the heat has been  
more to blame, than the  
absence of your (very soundly)  
sleeping partner. I tell you  
the truth I have not had  
the best of nights myself  
the bed is rather hard for so  
weighty a person as myself  
& the children have both  
been restless & I have had  
to be up & down with them

still I can get plenty of  
day rest if I want it.

Today was most sultry  
& oppressive from early  
morning, till about 4.15 p.m.  
when a cool breeze set in  
from the water, though  
it was rather rough. I  
ventured to bathe &  
found it - most refreshing.  
I took Eric in, but he  
was rather frightened at  
the waves, & cried to go to  
land. When there I half dressed  
he wanted to go back again

as to your coming I am  
trying not to think of it till  
I am sure, wh. will be to-  
morrow I hope. I do not  
think of any list of needed  
things, wh. perhaps is much  
humility considering how  
frequently I have asked for  
all sorts in nearly every  
letter - My bottle of Chinese  
white wh. is on my desk &  
need, if you can buy a  
gallon of mosquito netting

I wd like a piece put over  
the two nursery windows  
I tried to make the piece  
that is over Eric's room secure  
but found it too rotten to  
hold new laths, I see an  
army of old ones <sup>to take out</sup> that I gave  
it up in despair.

Thanks for Linda's letter  
I was very glad to get it, she  
has been having altogether  
too much to do, but seems  
to <sup>have</sup> arrived at a state of com-  
parative quiet & tranquility  
Linda's letter was very satisfac-  
tory, I she seems to have no  
lack of pressing invitations  
to spend all or part of her  
time with various people.  
she was not at all sea sick  
I do hope when you come <sup>too</sup>  
that we shall be able to  
read a little together. I want  
some one to keep my head  
above water, in that matter  
as energy is not at present my  
master-passion - I had thought  
that mamma & I wd read

sometimes, I that we should have  
found long quiet hours &  
rest in - but she seems to carry  
a sort of busy atmosphere  
about with her, I thought the  
things she has done are all  
useful or admirable, they  
have taken up most of the  
time while the place was quiet  
now most of the Melicans  
have arrived & one is subject  
to more interruptions - I have  
gone a good deal my own  
way, especially since William  
arrived, I have been much  
with the children wh. is a  
great pleasure, but Eric is  
becoming rather too untractable,  
I have to be somewhat summary  
in dealing with him at times  
sometimes he is so perfectly  
good & delightful, that you  
feel they ought to take any  
trouble for his pleasure,  
only he develops so fast that  
I have a continual dread  
the future, if he does not learn  
really good habits now.

William leaves us early  
Thursday morning, & for a  
little while Maxine & I will  
be left to our own devices  
again. I am trying to finish  
the Glen's falls, & begin to  
cherish the hope that they  
will look like something  
if I cd take home about  
four pictures, just to assure  
myself that I had not quite  
falter away from the  
love of the brush, I sh'd be  
satisfied. I fancy it is too  
late to implant artistic  
tendencies in No 3. unless the  
lucky number has the gift  
already. I have much less  
realization of the actual fact  
of its existence than of the others  
& have formed no wish as to  
its sex, complexion, or anything  
else. If it cd be a small one  
I w'd prefer it, but that is  
just hoping for now. You  
have never mentioned your  
hair style, I wish you w'd

see Kaurand about it, before  
you leave.

Rankine has been to see the  
wife of that wretched w. - he  
shuckie, I seems to be taking  
an interest in the man, he  
seemed to be hopeless of ever  
reforming himself, I had at-  
tempted his life in despair &  
disgust - at his repeated fail-  
ures - poor soul! One feels  
relieved when one considers  
how coolly one takes failures  
& short-comings equally <sup>peculiar</sup>  
no doubt - in view of our  
opportunities -

Sleep overcomes me. It  
is nearly 10<sup>o</sup> - I still very warm  
Good night - dearest I may add  
a line in the morning

I had well nigh forgot the most  
important news of the day - we have  
blought & eaten the first wild strawberries  
& today we also finished the town vegetables  
but have tubers still, & all our espina  
vegetables to fall back upon. The  
lettuce in the garden looks almost ready  
to pick.

Wednesday  
Much cooler today, I was still slept  
most soundly, I hear Eric saying his talk  
is "rather dirty" - the waves made it  
somewhat sandy & seaweeds yesterday  
Bouchard has arrived with a cast